

Psalm 80:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine;
and we shall be saved.

Analysis

The refrain intensifies: "Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved" (Hebrew Elohim Tseva-ot hashivenu v-ha'er paneycha v-nivvasha). This adds "of hosts" (Hebrew Tseva-ot)—commander of heavenly armies. The escalation from "God" (v.3) to "God of hosts" (v.7) to "LORD God of hosts" (v.19) intensifies the appeal. Military language invokes divine power against enemies. Salvation requires divine intervention.

Historical Context

The title "LORD of hosts" emphasizes God's supreme command over heavenly armies (1 Samuel 17:45, Isaiah 6:3). When Israel faced overwhelming military threats, this title reminded them that heaven's armies surpass earthly powers. Elisha's servant saw this (2 Kings 6:17). Revelation depicts Christ leading heaven's armies (19:14). The title assures believers that God's resources exceed visible circumstances.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does invoking God as "God of hosts" change your prayers when facing overwhelming opposition?
2. What "heavenly armies" does God command on believers' behalf?
3. How does Christ as commander of heaven's armies (Revelation 19:11-16) guarantee ultimate victory?

Interlinear Text

פָּנָים	וְיִתְּשַׁבְּךָ	וְתִּפְאֵר	וְתִּבְשְׂרֵנָה	וְתִּבְשְׂרֵנָה
O God	of hosts	Turn us again	to shine	and cause thy face
H430	H6635	H7725	H215	H6440

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 64:5 (Salvation): Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned; in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

Psalms 51:10 (References God): Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalms 80:19 (Salvation): Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Psalms 80:3 (Salvation): Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Jeremiah 4:14 (Salvation): O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?